



CALIFORNIA CLIMATE CHAMPIONS 2008



Terms & Conditions



Terms and conditions (updated 2/11/08)

The competition is open Jan. 10 to Feb 17, 2008, to all young people between the ages of 16 and 18 on Feb. 17, 2008, who are permanent residents of California. Employees of British Council and the California Air Resources Board, and any of their subsidiaries, families, agents and anyone professionally associated with this promotion are not allowed to enter.

The entrant must be the person who creates the work submitted and who completes the application form. Closing date for receipt of entries is Feb. 17, 2008.

Entries must be submitted to the California Air Resources Board, see http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/climatechampions/how_to_apply.htm for information on where to send your application.

Incomplete, illegible or altered entries, or those not in accordance with the entry instructions or guidelines, are invalid. Any entries exceeding the word or time limit (separate from the entry form) will not be considered in the judging process.

All entries are subject to verification. Entries become the property of the British Council and the California Air Resources Board and cannot be returned. Please ensure you keep a copy for yourself.

1. News Report Guidelines

- a) The report must be original.
- b) The report must be about climate change issues in California.
- c) The report can take the form of one of the following:
 - a front page of a newspaper
 - an online news page (could include multimedia elements)
 - a video
 - film of a TV news report
 - a recording of a radio news report
 - a podcast.
- d) Entries will be considered invalid and will not be considered if they are:
 - i. Copyrighted, protected by trade secret or otherwise subject to third party proprietary rights, including privacy and publicity rights, unless you are the owner of such rights or have permission from their rightful owner to submit the material to this competition in full compliance with these Terms;

- ii. False, inaccurate, misleading, unlawful, obscene, defamatory, libellous, threatening, pornographic, harassing, hateful, racially, ethnically or otherwise offensive, or encourages conduct that would be considered a criminal offense, give rise to civil liability, violate any law, or is otherwise inappropriate, as may be determined by the program sponsors, or contrary to the program's other stated policies and procedures, where applicable.
- d) Entries will become the property of the California Climate Champions Program and will not be returned. The British Council or the California Air Resources Board may publish entries to promote the competition and/or the International Climate Champions program.
- e) The report must be submitted together with a fully completed entry form with information including the entrant's name, date of birth and contact details, including a mailing address and phone number.
- f) The entry form must also include a brief profile about the entrant and why s/he believes s/he should be chosen as a climate champion. The profile should be no more than 200 words.
- g) The winning entries will be those that are considered the most apt or original and that demonstrate the best ideas and show the best potential for successfully communicating with others about Climate Change.

2. Judging and Selection

- a) Once the competition closes on Feb. 17, 2008, valid entries will be sorted and judged by a panel. The panel of judges will include at least one member who is independent of the British Council and the California Air Resources Board.
- b) The panel will select the best entries as California Climate Champions. Winners will be chosen at the discretion of the judging panel, whose decision is final. No correspondence with entrants will be entered into prior to this selection.
- c) Entrants selected as California Climate Champions will be notified and invited to an in-person interview in one of two locations scheduled for February 22-25, 2008.
- d) Notification of champions will occur by telephone; a representative of the California Air Resources Board or the British Council will contact the entrant and/or the parent or guardian listed on the entry form at the telephone number(s) provided on the entry form.
- e) In-person interviews will be conducted with all California Climate Champions in order to identify three representatives to participate in two all-expenses-paid international trips in March and May 2008. Alternate representatives will also be selected.
- f) A list of the champions and their winning entries as well as a selection of "highly commended" entries will be available on the program website after March 7, 2008.
- g) To qualify for consideration as international representatives, all entrants selected as California Climate Champions must be available to travel to London (March 24-30, 2008) and Japan (May 18-25, 2008).

3. International Travel Details

- a) The international travel package includes two trips: London (March 24-30, 2008) and Kobe, Japan (May 18-25, 2008).
- b) The British Council and/or California Air Resources Board will provide one adult to travel, as a guardian, with all three champions selected for the London and Kobe trips.

- c) All travel and accommodation costs for these two trips will be paid by the British Council. In each instance, travel will include return economy airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco to the destinations, internal travel costs to allow linkage with the international flight and transfers between the hotel and any venues. Accommodation will be arranged in a hotel at the discretion of the British Council, and will include breakfast daily at the hotel, lunch and an evening meal. Any other meals taken outside of those arranged for the events are not included and will be at the expense of the individual.
- d) Telephone calls, laundry and use of any other in-room facilities are not included and must be settled by each individual upon departure from the hotel.
- e) Travel insurance is not included and it will be the responsibility of each winner and accompanying adult to make sure that they are fully insured.
- f) Champions selected for the international travel component of the program will be required to hold full 5-year or 10-year U.S. passports valid at least through June 2008.
- g) Each champion selected for international travel will be required to declare any medical or dietary requirements and will need to take any medication with them.
- h) Emissions for all travel undertaken by Champions as part of the program will be offset through a carbon-offset mechanism. Details will be available on the program website when finalized.

4. Climate Champions Program Details

- a) California Climate Champions will be required to participate in a number of duties throughout 2008-2009. This may include meetings with government representatives to discuss climate change, engaging peers in communicating about climate change and speaking to members of the media about the Climate Champions program as well as about climate change awareness.
- b) California Climate Champions will participate in an interactive online forum that will serve as the hub of the International Climate Champion activities for the upcoming year.
- c) Other trips and/or activities may be made available to Climate Champions throughout the upcoming year.

5. General conditions

- a) Responsibility cannot be accepted for entries that are incomplete, delivered wrongly, damaged or those not received for whatever reason. Proof of mailing is not proof of receipt.
- b) By signing the entry form the applicant agrees to allow entries to be used for promotional purposes, to be contacted for follow-up if necessary and to accept and abide by the rules.
- c) No cash or other alternative in whole or part of the prize will be offered. The British Council reserves the right to offer an alternative prize of equal or greater value.